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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,23-28 and 36-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,23-28 and 36-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This final office action is in response to the amendment filed 12 February 2007.
2. Claims 1-6, 23-28, and 36-41 are pending. Claims 1, 23, and 36 are independent claims.

The rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 USC 101 have been withdrawn as necessitated by the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-6, 23-28, and 36-41 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Simpson (Mastering WordPerfect® 5.1 & 5.2 For Windows™, 1993).

As per independent claim 1, Simpson discloses in an extensible electronic document editor, a selection services component comprising a selection services interface that provides one or more methods to enable an editor extension to override a selection function provided by the electronic document editor and provide a customized model for the selection function (pages 512, 514, and 517-518: Here a user overrides an existing macro provided by the electronic document editor by overwriting the pre-existing macro), and to clear, add or remove a segment from a selection object using the customized model for the selection function (pages 517-518 and 520: Here, a user

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is able to edit a macro by clearing the macro and overwriting or by adding/removing a segment from the macro).

As per dependent claim 2, Simpson discloses wherein one of the methods provided further comprises a method that adds an element to an editable selection (pages 517-518 and 520).

As per dependent claim 3, Simpson discloses wherein the selection services interface is adapted to enable the extensible electronic document editor to interact with the customized selection model without exposing details of the editor extension (page 516-517: Here, when a macro is executed, the user does not see the actually keystrokes/coding of the macro. Instead the user merely has the resulting document).

As per dependent claim 4, Simpson discloses wherein one of the methods further comprises a method that adds a segment to an editable selection (pages 523-525: Here, a user is able to edit the text of the macro similarly to editing a text document).

As per dependent claim 5, Simpson discloses wherein one of the methods further comprises a method that removes a segment from an editable selection (pages 523-525).

As per dependent claim 6, Simpson discloses wherein one of the methods further comprises a method that sets a selection type (pages 526-535: Here, macros can be of a plurality of types, including automatic execution, automatic execution at start-up, and nested).

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As per independent claims 23, Simpson discloses a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for one or more interfaces that, when executed by an extensible electronic document editor on a computer, perform the following steps:

- Override a selection function provided by the electronic document editor to provide a customized model for the selection function (pages 512, 514, and 517-518)
- Receive parameters from a designer through a selection services interface (pages 512-513: Here, the creation of a macro enters parameters from a designer through a selection services interface)
- Utilize the parameters to clear, add, or remove a selected segment from a selection object of an electronic document using the customized model for the selection function (pages 517-518 and 520)
- Return values to the designer regarding the state of the selected segment (pages 514-515: Here, a designer recording a macro is presented with a macro definition that has recorded all the keystrokes while creating the macro)

As per dependent claims 24-28, the applicant discloses the limitations similar to those in claims 2-6 respectively. Claims 24-28 are similarly rejected.

As per independent claim 36, the applicant discloses the limitations similar to those in claims 1 and 23. Claim 36 is similarly rejected.

As per dependent claims 37-41, the applicant discloses the limitations similar to those in claims 2-6 respectively. Claims 37-41 are similarly rejected.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 12 February 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant presents two arguments with respect to claims 1, 23, and 36. The first argument is that Simpson fails to disclose a selection services component (page 8). However, the examiner respectfully disagrees. The applicant states, "Selection services provides extensions a way to modify a selection process of an extensible editor to which the designers are coupled (page 8)." The applicant appears to allege that a macro fails to provide similar extensions (page 9). However, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Simpson discloses the method of editing a macro (page 520). This method includes selecting a macro to edit (page 520, section "Editing a Macro Entry," item 2). Further, the user is then able to modify the selected macro process (page 520, section "Editing a Macro Entry," item 5). Therefore, this provides a method to modify a selection process of an extensible editor.

The applicant's second argument is directed to the belief that Simpson fails to provide a selection service interface that provides a customized model for the selection function (page 9). For support, the applicant states, "The selection services interface provides methods to programmatically clear, add, and remove segments from a selection object (page 9)." The macros of Simpson all for a user to remove, add, and

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edit segments of a macro (pages 512-520). Further, the applicant states, "the interfaces can be utilized by an extension that is coupled to the extensible editor to add new features to the editor, to augment existing features, or to override the editor's default behavior (page 9)." Again, editing a macro allows a user to add new features, augment features, and override the default behavior of the macro (pages 512-520 and 523-526). Therefore, Simpson discloses a selection services interface that provides a customized model for the selection function.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kyle R. Stork whose telephone number is (571) 272-4130. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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